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1. The amendment to the claims filed on 6/28/04 does not comply with the requirements of 1.173 reissue amendment practice because:

Claim 9 is not marked with the correct status identifier (Amended) and the removed text is not marked with strike out and added text not indicated by underlining.

Further, the amendment is seen to be improper broadening, as previously rejected.

Further, a supplemental declaration, is required with the amendment.

Further, the previous amendments to drawings 7 and 8 are non-compliant, new formal drawings labeled "Amended" are required.

Further, no abstract of the invention was submitted, the Abstract from the face of the patent is required.

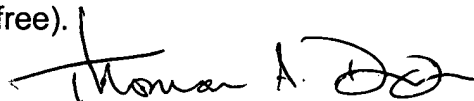
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